

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Lazich:

Currently, under s. 12.13 (1) (e), stats., an elector who intentionally votes more than once in the same election is guilty of a Class I felony. In my opinion, the act of voting absentee and voting in person in the same election constitutes a violation of this statute, unless there are circumstances that plausibly indicate a mistake or there is an issue of mental incapacity on the part of the offender. The purpose of SB 271, as I understand it, is to ensure a greater level of adherence to s. 12.13 (1) (e), stats., in absentee voting situations by preventing electors from receiving both an absentee ballot and a regular ballot at the polling place in the same election.

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